

ABSTRACT**Process for the Deprotection of Protected Thiols**

5 The synthesis of peptides comprising disulphide bridges
is challenging since it is difficult to ensure that the
correct cysteine residues combine to form the desired
disulphide bridges. The present invention describes novel
protection techniques useful in the preparation of peptides.
10 Described is a process for the deprotection of an AcM-, MBzl-
and/or tBu-protected thiol which comprises reacting said
protected thiol with an acid in the presence of an oxidising
agent at a temperature sufficient to effect deprotection and
generation of disulphide bonds.

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